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FISHERMEN DISCUSS CONTROL PRICES AND CATCHES OF FLEET

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Lighthouse Changes.

Capt. George E. Eaton, superintendent of this lighthouse district, has sent out a notice to mariners advising them that on June 22 Boston lightship will be temporarily withdrawn from its station and replaced by a relief light vessel. The latter will sound a 12-inch steam chime fog whistle and sub-marine bell during foggy weather in place of the siren and oscillator of the regular station vessel. There will be no other change. Stage Harbor Light station, Nantucket Sound, is also to be moved and changed. It will show a flashing white light every three seconds, of the 260 candle power, visible 10 miles and exhibited from a white steel skeleton tower 42 feet high, located 243 degrees, 308 feet from its former position.

At Portland.

The Gloucester schooner Hesperus, Capt. Robertson Griffin, put in at Portland Monday after a four weeks' trip to the Grand Banks and took out her 20,000 pounds of halibut and 20,000 pounds of salt fish at the Willard-Daggett company plant. She fitted out for another trip at Central wharf and this morning will return to the grounds.

Four other vessels landed ground-fish fares Monday, the dragger Elva taking out 14,000 pounds, the trawler Verna G. 10,000 pounds, the dragger Alice & May 7,000 pounds and the trawler Laconia 4,000 pounds.

The beam trawler Boston College of the O'Hara fleet arrived at Portland Monday on her third visit this season and took out 115,000 pounds of groundfish at the Burnham-Morrill plant. Later in the day the trawler shifted to Central wharf to take on ice and supplies and today will return to the banks for another fare.

Back Home.

The Alva J. Kenney, Capt. Thurber, arrived at Westport, N. S., in ballast from Gloucester, on the 9th.

New Deputy.

Charles E. Jackson has recently been appointed by President Roosevelt as Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries.

Drifting Ends.

Owing to the dogfish being so numerous, mackerel drifters at Indian Harbor, N. S., have been obliged to give up drifting entirely. Capt. Donald Cleveland reports having 3000 dogfish in his nets in the last set.

Capt. Tom Covey commanded the highliner vessel this year with 14,700 mackerel to his credit, and Capt. Donald Cleveland was second with 13,700. Line fish has slackened somewhat, some boats recently were getting three and four quintals in one day. Bait is scarce at Indian Harbor.

Method Adopted by Seiners May Include All Branches---Tentative Code Approved At Saturday Meeting

Accepting the rough draft of the new code of fishing rules controlling catch and price of ground and surface fish, representatives of beam and line trawlers, draggers, mackerel seiners and swordfishermen of this city, heartily approved the organization of New York and New England fishermen founded by John Graham, president of the Portland Trawling company, Saturday night at the Master Mariners' rooms in this city, in all but one particular, which dealt with the voting power of swordfishermen and seiners of Gloucester in the executive council of the organization.

Ex-Mayor William J. MacInnis, who with Thomas J. Carroll, manager of Gorton-Pew Fisheries, and Capt. Edward A. Proctor, president of the Master Mariners, were the local committee to the Boston meetings on forming the organization, told the gathering of captains and owners, the purposes and code, and was assisted in having the information translated for the benefit of those of Italian descent by Capt. Frank Favalora of the seiner Grace F.

After adjournment, the mackerel skippers remained and for two hours discussed the pool of stocks, agreeing that this week would be the last pool, that next Saturday afternoon another meeting would be held by them at 2 o'clock in the Master Mariners' rooms when further plans would be formulated for the conduct of the industry.

Capt. John A. Dalhmer of the seiner Superior, president of the Fishing Masters Producers' association, presiding over both meetings, which began at 7.30 o'clock and ended shortly before the night faded into the Sabbath. The secretary was the and satisfactory to all fishermen or their accredited representatives, it will be compared with that of the dealers, and the resultant code will be one that will as nearly as possible be a compromise of the producers and dealers' codes. And when that code is adopted, every fisherman must abide by it if the plans of this new organization are to become recognized by the government in the National Industrial Recovery Act regulations which provides for supporting the enforcement of rules laid down by 60 per cent. of an industry.

Discussed Mackerel Pool.

The mackerel seiners went into a huddle right after the others concluded their affair. President Dalhmer called the skippers and owners to order and the first question before the house was that of the pool. It had been agreed at a meeting of the previous Saturday that all stocks of mackerel trips of the two weeks following should go into two separate pools, one each week, and that all boats should share in proportion to their catch for their week. Two other pools had been arranged and are still to be settled. The difficulty was the alleged backwardness of one member to join the parade, but after some persuasion, he is said to have returned to the fold. All agreed that

this week's pool should be the last until another meeting Saturday afternoon to straighten out further difficulties. As for remaining in port after landing a catch, all agreed to stay in port 24 hours from the time they docked at the wharf, except in the instance where they happened to arrive during the night when they would remain for 24 hours after 7 o'clock that morning. The latter amendment was injected to allow for the seiners who had to go a considerable distance to catch the mackerel whereas others might be getting a school almost within hailing distance of the market.

Small Seiners Represented.

the second group who are getting the vanguard sailing at 10 o'clock according to the agreement. They may remain fishing until next Saturday morning and cannot land a trip after the market closes at noon Saturday, unless fortune ignores them, and they have not made one trip, in which case they may stay on the briny until they locate a school. The seiner Eleanor, Capt. Richard Merchant, which did not spot a solitary flashing back last week, scored Saturday and was in Boston yesterday with 18,000 pounds for the Monday market. That means that the Eleanor will add her financial returns for this trip to this week's pool and will share it in proportionately with her catch.

A Few Changes.

One or two changes have had to be made in the line-up of seiners of the second group. For instance, the Leretha, Capt. John Morash, will again be with the fleet to take the place of the seiner Ruth Lucille which is not ready for the open sea. Repairs are still being made on the forward section of the deck. Nor will the Superior sail, according to report, and in her place the Orion, Capt. Ronald Dahlmer, son of the Superior's skipper, will try his luck again this week.

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SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

SCH. GRAND MARSHAL FORCED TO RETURN ON ACCOUNT OF ENGINE TROUBLE.

Engine trouble forced the halibuter Grand Marshal to leave Grand bank and return home, arriving here last night and docking at the Producers Fish Company at the Fort where Capt. Chris Gibbs disposed of the 2500 pounds of halibut he had in the holds. Leaky tanks added to the troubles which accompanied the unlucky voyage.

The Alvin T. Fuller dropped into port yesterday from Boston where Skipper Joseph Leavitt sold his swordfish catch.

The mackerel seiner Dacia resumed fishing Sunday morning, leaving Wood's Hole for the mackerel schools. Capt. Asa Baker reported that the engines couldn't be started because they "lost the air", and therefore had to be towed into port by the Coast Guardsman Acushnet.

The beautiful marconi-rigged yacht Blue Dolphin, arrived Sunday evening with Capt. Norman A. Ross in command. He had taken the owners to the Yale-Harvard regatta on the Thames of Connecticut. The yacht will leave her berth at the Booth Fisheries wharf Thursday to sail for Marblehead.

The Baron Ailsa of the Hogarth Shipping Company, Androssan, Firth-of-Clyde, in bonnie auld Scotland, is the 340-foot steamer now lying at the Pew wharf of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, discharging 3300 tons of salt brought from Torre Vieja, Spain, and which will take eight days in unloading according to Foreman Mike Nally who is superintending the stevedores.

Capt. Peter Liston is the master of this freighter, and his home is in Leith, Scotland. He was first mate of the vessel when she brought her cargo of salt last June. At that time the late Capt. George MacNeil was master. He took sick while in this port on that voyage but told his shore friends that he would be all right as soon as he put to sea. But the very first day out, he had a shock, and they had to land him at Baltimore. He was transported to his native land from there, and it proved to be his last voyage. He passed away just 12 days ago, so it was learned, and the crew of the Ailsa received word of his demise as they touched here. He had followed the sea ever since he was in his teens, and was well liked by all the men who were privileged to work with him.

From those who know, Squibs learned that this is the first time in two-score years that Gorton-Pew have handled the stevedore work themselves, for in past years they have sub-let the contract. Mike Nally, in charge, has three stages in use, and third one to the eastward having been completed only a few days ago. These stages extending from the top of the wharf roof, simplify unloading, for the wheelbarrows receive the salt here directly from the loaded buckets that are hoisted from the holds and are then carted into the bins.

Nasty weather chased the Baron Ailsa across the pond according to the crew, but no damage was done to the freighter which weathered the strong winds and rain-storms in good shape.

HARBOR TRAPS TAKING WHITING

SMALL NETTERS ALSO LANDED ON MACKEREL—CODFISH SCARCE.

Included in the 45,500 pounds of fresh fish landed here since yesterday were 2500 pounds of halibut in the halibuter Grand Marshal, Capt. Chris Gibbs, which returned to port because of engine trouble. The vessel landed its fare at the Producers Fish Company at the Fort this morning.

Woodbury's trap with 7000 pounds of mackerel and Mayo's trap with 100 barrels or 20,000 pounds of whiting were landed at Murray & Tarr's at the Fort.

A total of 18,000 pounds of mackerel were landed, mostly brought in by the small netters. Cod was very scarce here, only 5000 pounds being landed by the gill netters, and no arrivals of small trawlers or "jiggers" being reported.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Grand Marshal, halibuting, 2500 lbs. halibut, (returned for repairs). Nova Antonio, netting, 500 lbs. mackerel.

C2188, netting, 500 lbs. mackerel. Eliza C. Riggs, netting, 1500 lbs. mackerel.

Alvin T. Fuller, via Boston. Woodbury's trap, 7000 lbs. mackerel.

Mayo's trap, 100 barrels whiting. Mayflower II., netting, 2000 lbs. mackerel.

C6487, netting, 500 lbs. mackerel. Gertrude F., netting, 1500 lbs. mackerel.

1139-C, netting, 1500 lbs. mackerel. Kid Roberts, netting, 1500 lbs. mackerel.

231-D, netting, 1500 lbs. mackerel. **Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.**

Edna Fae, 1000 lbs. cod. Naomi Bruce II., 1000 lbs. cod. Enterprise, 1000 lbs. cod.

C. A. Meister, 1000 lbs. cod. Liboria C., 500 lbs. cod. Nashawena, 500 lbs. cod.

TIMES FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Large salt trawl cod, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.50.

Large cusk, \$1.50; medium, \$1.

Hake, \$1.

Fish not gilled, large cod, 20 cents less; medium cod, 15 cents less.

Splitting Prices.

Large fresh cod, \$1.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1; snappers, 50 cents.

Haddock, 50 cents.

Hake, 60 cents.

Pollock, 50 cents.

Large cusk, 75 cents; medium, 50 cents.

On the Ways.

North Star and Killarney are on Parkhurst's Marine railways for painting.

It took "Clay" Cunningham, the orchestra leader, who was at the wheel of the small outboard-motor boat Rhythm King, to discover that the Ailsa's radio antenna was being fouled by one of the cables hoisting the salt buckets. As the popular musician cruised past the freighter, he hailed the first mate who was mighty thankful of the tip. Clay's learning to be a master mariner, and he certainly made that engine hum a speedy tune.

FOUR SEINERS AT HUB TODAY

MARKET IS ABOUT THE SAME AS YESTERDAY ON ALL VARIETIES.

A fleet of 24 craft arrived today at the Boston Fish Pier. Four of them had mackerel, one halibut and two swordfish. Total receipts were 330,000 pounds of groundfish, 57,700 pounds of fresh mackerel; 20,000 pounds of halibut; 45 swordfish, 160,000 pounds of mixed fish and 5000 pounds of salt cod.

There was little change in the market. Large mackerel brought 4 to 4½ cents; small, 2.60 to 3.75 cents; haddock, \$3 to \$3.50; large cod, \$5 and markets, \$2.50.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Str. Flow, 24,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 36,000 mixed fish.

Str. Newton, 65,000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 33,000 mixed fish.

Venture II., 17,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6900 mixed fish.

Mao IV, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.

Exeter, 40,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.

Helen M., 34,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 mixed fish.

Marjorie Parker, 23,000 scrod, 20,000 hake, 2800 mixed fish.

Henrietta, 36,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 6000 mixed fish.

Adventure, 20,000 halibut, 5000 salt cod.

Virginia and Mary, 8500 mixed fish. Ethel, 6600 mixed fish.

Joseph D'Ambrosio, 7000 mixed fish. Mayflower, 9000 mixed fish.

Evangeline D., 7500 mixed fish. Rosie C., 6200 mixed fish.

Francesca, 2300 mixed fish. Carmella, 2100 mixed fish.

Josephine, 2000 mixed fish. Santa Maria, 18,000 mackerel.

Leretha, 19,000 mackerel. Marietta and Mary, 20,000 mackerel.

Lucy, 700 mackerel. Funchal, 22 swordfish.

Leonora C., 23 swordfish.

Haddock, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$2.50; pollock, \$1.65; cusk, \$1.50; gray sole, 1 to 1-2 cents; lemon sole, 5 cents; black backs, 1 1-2 cents; yellow tails, 2 1-2 cents; large mackerel, 4 cents to 4 1-4 cents; small mackerel, 2.60 cents to 3.75 cents; halibut, 12 cents for white, 9 1-2 cents for gray; catfish, 1 1-2 cents; swordfish, 20 cents to 28 cents.

Another of the old-timers still in the game is Capt. "Bob" Porper who has passed the three-score-and-ten mark, and would throw anyone in irons who called him "venerable". He was born to the sea, and stood being ashore but a very short while before the salt air made him so homesick for the Grand Banks that he signed up with Capt. Archie McCloud. Skipper Porper is aboard the halibuter Catherine after another trip of halibut.—There's a real Gloucesterman for you!

They tell the story of the pebbly codfish that is worth cutting off for the scrap-book. It seems that the sacred cod have a habit of swallowing pebbles before a storm ascends upon them, according to report. This fact was often discovered by the splitters when their knives would strike against the hard substance. But when fish were high and began to sell by the pound, it is said that some of the fishermen aided this habit by showing extra large pebbles down the cod's throat, so as to help the total weight. Maybe 'tis only a yarn, however.

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LOCAL CRAFT TO ACCOMPANY ROOSEVELT YACHT TO MAINE

BUSINESS WOMEN TO CONVENE HERE

Local Club Will Be Hostess to State Federation which Meets at Magnolia on the Week-End

Members of the Gloucester Business and Professional Women's club feel proud that theirs has been chosen to be the hostess club for the state convention of this federation which will be held at the Oceanside hotel, Magnolia, this week-end, for the Gloucester branch is but two years old. Many outstanding women in business and the professions will be among the estimated 300 who will attend the various events.

These will include the usual board meetings and round table discussions, and two important addresses, the first at the Saturday evening banquet, by Miss Marjorie Shuler, national publicity chairman of the club, and internationally known writer on women's activities, the second at luncheon Sunday, by Miss Sybil H. Holmes, assistant attorney general, who will use as her topic, "The De-

partment of the Attorney General."

The Committees

Education, inspiration and entertainment will be given to the women who attend, by the varied program arranged. Hospitality will be offered by the following heads of committees in the local club:

Miss Mildred C. Anderson, general chairman; transportation, Miss Nettie O'Maley; registrations, Miss Edith Atwater; music and entertainment, Miss Ethel Gilmore; publicity and printing, Miss Helen W. Mackay; decorations, Mrs. Elise S. Cutler; hostess committee, Miss Dorothy Murphy.

Miss Shuler will undoubtedly have a message which will be engrossing to all who hear her, for she is one of the foremost authorities on women's affairs in the world. As a member of the staff of the Christian Science Monitor, she has attended every large convention of women in the United States and Europe for the past 10 years. She is a regular contributor to magazines of national circulations and has written several books.

Sch. Arthur D. Story Chartered by Movie-Camera Man---Sack of Mail for President Arrives Here

A Gloucester fisherman will follow the yacht Amberjack II to Maine, with movie camera-men aboard to take moving pictures of the historic vacation cruise of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and his sons. The latest report of the Amberjack's location came at 11.30 o'clock this forenoon when it was learned that the yacht has reached Pollock Rip lightship, about 80 miles from Gloucester. If the President should make harbor here, it will not be until sometime tomorrow.

The Gloucester craft to take the movie men is the sch. Arthur D. Story, now docking at the Atlantic Supply wharf. Capt. James Mason, an old-time halibuter, will command the craft and will have a small crew, enough to sail the vessel. The schooner will leave some time today and locate the President's yacht, thence trailing her along the route chosen.

Mail Arrives Here.

It was learned this forenoon that an inspector of the United States mails arrived at the local postoffice with a sack of mail, addressed to the President, and the inspector will personally deliver this important matter. That certainly indicates that President Roosevelt possibly has planned to stop in Gloucester harbor, and the fact that the government official has taken a room at the Hotel Savoy,

looks as if he realizes the chief executive will not be here until some time tomorrow at the earliest, if he should arrive.

Plans of taking the sch. Gertrude L. Thebaud, famous racing schooner, with a party of fishing skippers to greet the Amberjack, are indefinite as yet, and from present indications, the Thebaud will remain at the dock.

Cameraman From Provincetown.

The cameramen will be brought to this port to board the Story by the mackerel seiner Old Glory, Capt. Frank Foote, which left early this morning, to go to Provincetown, where the movie men have been stationed. As soon as the Old Glory returns with her passengers, they will board their new transport, and Capt. Mason will set sail to locate the Amberjack.

Nova Scotia Notes

Lunenburg vessels on the frozen bait trip averaged about 550 quintals.

Under the new trade agreement recently made between Canada and France, fresh, dried, salted, and smoked fish from the Dominion and specified quotas of Canadian canned salmon and lobsters will be admitted to the French market under the minimum tariff rates.

Canada's total catch of sea fish and shellfish in April was some 37,500 hundredweights greater in April than it had been in April, 1932.

Last winter when some one said that 50 boats would be fishing from Shelburne this summer, there were many who thought it quite a joke, but there are fifty, and more too.

Good runs of haddock continue and the boats are bringing in good fares of these fish. Last Friday the Sea Hawk, operated by Shelburne Fisheries Limited, had 1200 pounds of haddock and 1000 pounds of cod, stocking over \$28,000.

Some 14 "bankers" made the trip from Lunenburg and their catches, expressed in terms of green-salted or slack-salted fish, averaged about 550 quintals, although weather conditions were not favourable for fishing. The vessel reporting the largest catch brought home 700 quintals.

Nova Scotia Bait Report.

Canso—No bait. No vessels in port. Ice available.

Halifax—Twenty thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Liverpool—Plenty ice available. Bait for local use only.

Lockport—Limited quantity of bait only.

Lunenburg—No bait. Ice available.

Port Hawkesbury—Fifty thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty ice available.

Queensport—Fresh bait scarce. Shelburne—Forty thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Yarmouth—Plenty fresh and frozen bait and ice available.

Grindstone—Herring scarce. Mackerel catch yesterday fair.

C. G. S. Arras, Burin, N. F.—Arras arrived Burin. Eighteen Lunenburg vessels there. Caplin bait scarce.

Alewife Problem.

What to do with the alewife fishery jointly owned by Newcastle and Nobleboro, Me., is a problem.

At a special town meeting held at Newcastle, Saturday afternoon, the small number of voters in attendance voted in favor of accepting the offer made by D'Argistino-Gubiz Company, New York importers, for the fish, but the town of Nobleboro has voted not to accept the offer. And there you are.

Arthur Nickerson of Boothbay Harbor has had the fish for half a century. His contract expires in July and he does not care to renew it.

The New York firm made an offer of 60 cents a barrel for the fish agreed to take over the stock of Nickerson now on hand, salt, barrels and a third interest in the wharf. It also agreed to take all surplus fish, the surplus being those fish which the smokers do not want.

Remember the "Grand Bank horse", so-called because he was one of the best of the halibut fleet skippers, none other than the late Capt. Jerome McDonald. They say as how he was very superstitious about having the word "horse" mentioned on board ship, and gave anyone who did so, merry Hallelujah. One day he found that one of the "highs" or pennants flying atop the masts, contained a painting of a horse, and for weeks went hunting for the man who committed that grave offense. Another time, when snow covered the decks, some wag took a horseshoe and made prints in the snow, a sight which greeted the skipper as he boarded his ship, and made him breathe the fiery threats against the perpetrator. But he was a real fisherman, if ever there was one.

Squibs was chinning with the state-ly salt who claims he is the only mariner born in Swampscott to take a ship across the pond. His name is Capt. James Gannon, who winters in Seattle, Washington, and enjoys his summers with his old cronies in Gloucester, from which port he began to go fishing when he was still in his teens, being master of his own vessel, the Nettie Andrews, engaged in haddocking. Fifty-five years ago he took his first fishing trip in the sch. Champion going to Block Island for mackerel, and for three weeks' work made \$50.

SQUIBS.

